

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

NATIONAL ROOFING INDUSTRY )  
PENSION PLAN, )  
 )  
and )  
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ROOFERS AND WATERPROOFERS )  
RESEARCH AND EDUCATION )  
JOINT TRUST FUND ) Case No.  
 )  
and )  
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KINSEY ROBINSON, )  
as trustee of the National Roofing Industry )  
Pension Plan and trustee of the National )  
Roofing Industry Education Plan, )  
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Plaintiffs, )  
v. )  
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JOURDAIN ROOFING COMPANY, )  
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Serve: ROBERT J. JOURDAIN, JR. )  
Registered Agent )  
2705 St. Ambrose Drive )  
Godfrey, IL 62035 )  
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OR AT 4416 Thatcher Court )  
Alton, IL 62002 )  
 )  
Or Wherever He May be Found )  
 )  
Defendant. )

**COMPLAINT**

COMES NOW Plaintiffs, and for their cause of action against Jourdain Roofing Company (hereinafter “Jourdain Roofing”), state as follows:

## **NATURE OF CASE**

1. This is an action to collect fringe benefit contributions from Jourdain Roofing due and owing the Plaintiffs, pursuant to §§ 502 and 515 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. §§ 1132 and 1145.

## **PARTIES**

2. National Roofing Industry Pension Plan (hereinafter “Pension Plan”) and Roofers and Waterproofers Research and Education Joint Trust Fund (hereinafter “Education Plan”) are employee benefit plans within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. § 1002(3) and maintains their principal place of administration at 3001 Metro Drive, Suite 500, Bloomington, Minnesota 55425. The Pension Plan and Education Plan Trust are legal entities that may sue or be sued, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d).

3. Kinsey Robinson, as trustee of the Pension Plan and Education Plan, is a proper party to this action based on his official capacity and fiduciary duties to the Pension Plan and Education Plan.

4. Upon information and belief, Jourdain Roofing is a business organized under and existing by virtue of the laws of the State of Illinois. Jourdain Roofing is an employer within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. § 1002(5).

## **JURISDICTION**

5. This Court has jurisdiction over Plaintiffs’ claims pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §§ 185(c), 1132, and 1145.

6. Venue is appropriate in this district pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 1132(e)(2) and 28 U.S.C. § 1331(b).

## CAUSE OF ACTION

7. The Pension Plan and Education Plan are multi-employer plans within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. § 1002(37) and have been established pursuant to § 302(c)(5) of the LMRA, 29 U.S.C. § 186(c)(5).

8. Jourdain Roofing is an employer within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. § 1002(5) and is an employer affecting commerce within the meaning of § 2 of the LMRA, 29 U.S.C. § 152.

9. Jourdain Roofing is party to a collective bargaining agreement with the United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers & Allied Workers, Local Union No. 2, A.F.L.-C.I.O. (“Roofers Local 2”) in St. Louis, Missouri. The collective bargaining agreement has been in effect at all times relevant to this action.

10. At all times relevant to this action, Jourdain Roofing has employed employees who have performed work covered by the collective bargaining agreement.

11. The Pension Plan and Education Plan are established and operate pursuant to written agreements and declarations of trust. These agreements and declarations of trust are incorporated by reference into and are material parts of the collective bargaining agreement between Roofers Local 2 and Jourdain Roofing.

12. The collective bargaining agreement entered into between Roofers Local 2 and Jourdain Roofing requires the Jourdain Roofing make monthly contributions to the Pension Plan and Education Plan. Jourdain Roofing is to contribute to the Pension Plan and Education Plan based on the number of hours worked by its employees who are covered by the collective bargaining agreement.

13. Jourdain is required to make monthly written reports to the Pension Plan and Education Plan regarding the number of covered employees, the number of hours worked by each employee, and the amounts payable to the Pension Plan and Education Plan.

14. The collective bargaining agreement, incorporating the agreement and declaration of trust of the Pension Plan and Education Plan and the duly adopted rules of the Pension Plan and Education Plan, require all reports and contributions to the Pension Plan and Education Plan paid by the fifteenth (15th) day following the end of each month. If payment is not made by the last day of the month following the end of the month for which the report and contributions are due, the report and contributions are considered delinquent.

15. The collective bargaining agreement, the agreements and declarations of trust, and ERISA provide remedies to the Pension Plan and Education Plan in the event an employer fails to make required contributions or to submit required reports. Among the remedies available are costs of collection, attorneys' fees, interest in the amount of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) per month from the due date, and liquidated damages in the amount of twenty percent (20%) of the delinquent contributions. In addition, the Pension Plan and Education Plan are entitled to conduct an audit of any books, records, papers and reports of an employer necessary to determine or to verify the amounts due and owing the Pension Plan under the collective bargaining agreement.

16. Jourdain Roofing has failed to pay principal contributions to the Pension Plan and Education Plan.

17. As a result, Jourdain Roofing has violated the Plaintiffs' rights under ERISA.

18. Pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement and corresponding agreement and declaration of trusts of the Pension Plan and Education Plan, Jourdain Roofing owes the Plaintiffs principal damages together with additional agreed upon and statutory liquidated damages in and interest on the delinquent contributions.

19. The Pension Plan and Education Plan have incurred attorneys' fees and other costs in an effort to remedy Jourdain Roofing's failings. The Pension Plan and Education Plan are entitled to recover those fees and costs pursuant to agreements and declarations of trust, and by statutory right, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 1132(g).

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray that the Court enter an Order awarding damages to the Plaintiffs in an amount to be proven for unpaid and delinquent contributions, together with mandatory and agreed upon liquidated damages and interest, for contribution to Plaintiffs, plus any amounts that may accrue after the filing of this Complaint, plus any additional interest accruing up through the date of judgment; an accounting and audit to determine if further unreported amounts are due and owing; and awarding Plaintiffs their costs of this action attributable to the collection of the fringe benefits, including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs; and granting such other relief that the Court may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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